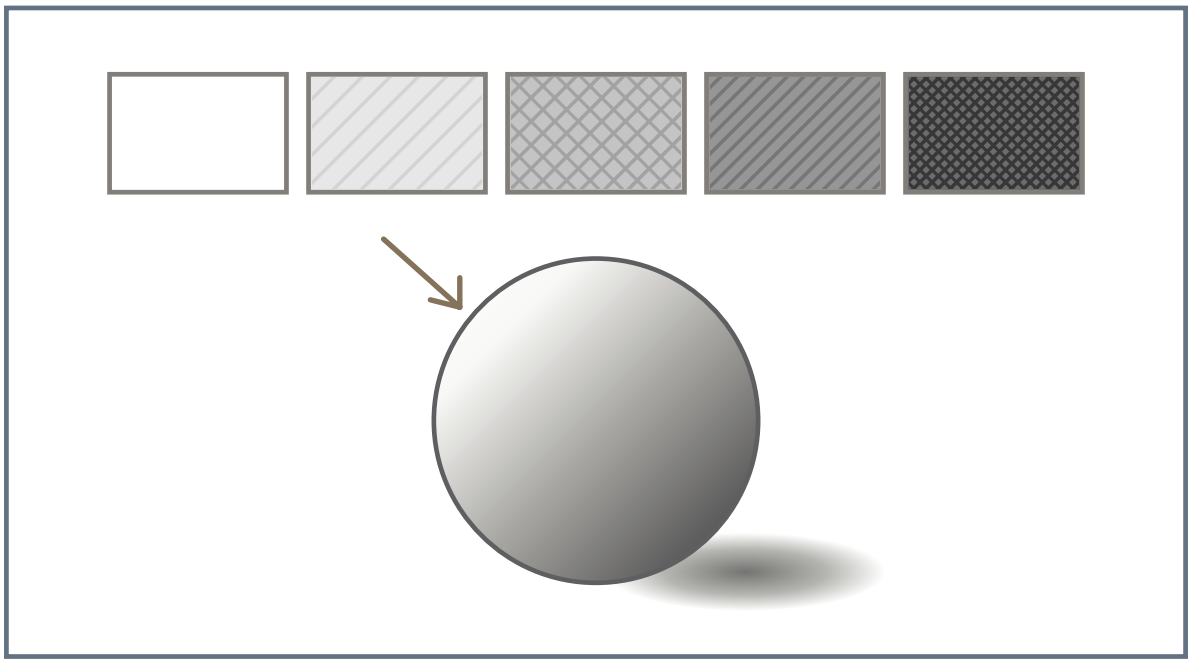
Tonal Drawing Worksheet

Reference I Worked example I LETTER

Original prompt

Worked example: a five-step tonal scale and a sphere shaded from a light source at the upper left.



Answer

The scale runs from bare paper in box 1 to firm overlapping strokes in box 5, with each box visibly darker than the one before. On the sphere the highlight sits at the upper left, the middle tone wraps around the centre, the darkest tone sits at the lower right, and a soft cast shadow lies under the sphere toward the lower right.

Reasoning

The scale fixes five reference tones, and the sphere places them in the order light, middle, dark following the chosen light direction. The cast shadow falls away from the light, which is why it sits at the lower right.

Check

Squint at the drawing: the five boxes should read as five separate steps, and the sphere should show a clear light side, a middle band and a dark side with no sudden jumps.